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John B. Travers Esqr.

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Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Sir

The orders of the Board in your letter of the 11th enclosing extract from Government regarding the supply of Cattle for Government of Colombo I received the 17th instt.

2 In pursuance of which orders I directed by assessment in each of the Tahseeldars the collection of fifteen hundred Cows & one hundred and fifty Bulls—

3 I expect that the whole will be ready for sending to the coast within twelve days from this date — I have addressed the Collector of Ramnad on the subject as directed—

4 In your letter there are not any orders for payments to be made either for the Cows & Bulls or incidental expences — I have to request you will directly inform me whether I am to pay them or not — if not to whom I must apply, — & if payment is to be made from my treasury — that you will request of the Board such an order as may cause the expense to be admitted in my disbursements by the Civil Auditor—

5 It would greatly facilitate business if - on any future occasion you would be so obliging as to obtain such permission from the Board - or if their authority be inadequate to solicit them to obtain it from Government -

6 The Herds will remain respectively in the Talooks on which they were assessed until I am favored with an answer -

I am Sir
&c. &c. &c.

Darapooram
28th Decr. 1800 -

(Signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Lieutt. Colonel Innes

Sir

On application from the Cacher I have to request the favor of You to furnish such Guard as you may deem Sufficient to Escort Star Pags. 35,000. Thirty five thousand to the Tinnevelly Factory in Saftey the Golahs carrying it will be from Thirty five to Forty five

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Darapooram
29th Decr. 1800

Advances to be made

Mr. Campbell	St. Pag.	8329	} 10000
in Bahadery & Sultauny at 92 27/32 equal to St. Pag.		1671	

Mr. Casamajor

In new P. N. P. at the [illegible] exchange equal to St. Pag.	20000
In old P. N. P. at the old exchange of the conquered districts equal to	15000
	35000

Mr. Hughes

Cully fans. at 116½ equal to	4000
New Veri at 147. 4.9 equal to	7500
In Bahdany & Sultauny equal to at 92 27/32 ℔ Cent	3500
	15000

Abstract to

	S. Pag.
Mr. Campbell	10000
Mr. Casamajor	35000
Mr. Hughes	15000
Total	60000

Arranegum - Ibrahaim - Tam Row

you have before received my orders about the advance to Mr. Campbell advance as herein directed -

Advance also to Mr. Casamajor shroffs - as directed - taking receipts as before

making

making invoice charges for Gyllah & Hattie exactly as before - and sending them to me - for signature -

take the receipt of the amount paid to the Gyllah -

advance Mr. Campbell's money on the thirty first [illegible] the business be regularly & quickly done -

I send letter enclosed to Col. Innes - who will furnish guard on giving him notice - when cash will be ready -

Let Mr. Casamayor's money be shroffed directly - but dont let Mr. Campbell's people wait - when Calaatry produces his Master order advance to him as directed -

(signed) W. Hurdis -

William Jones Esqr.

Subtreasurer &c.

Sir

Herewith be pleased to receive bill dated 29th Decr. for Str. Pagodas three thousand by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymr. General in favor of Revenue for Cash advanced the 19th Decr. from my treasury

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

[illegible]rapooram
[illegible] Decr. 1800 -

Captain J. Stewart

Fort Adjutant

Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the pleasure of inclosing Bill for Vellaidu Naigues Subsistence for the Current Month

Darapooram

2[illegible] Jany 1805

I have the honor to be

Signed) F B Hurdis

Collector

William Petrie Esqr President

&ca Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Chinnama[illegible] Pettah the late [illegible] of [illegible] arrived at my cutcherry the 21st Dec in charge of the ~~the~~ Delayet Dopar —

2 — I required of him the names of the Evidences he thought necessary to substantiate his allegations in the petition presented to your Board in June last and enclosed in your Secretary's letter of the 2d Octr — (vide enclosure)

3 — He delivered to me a letter and assigned these reasons [illegible] against each name as his motives for requiring their attendance —

The Man appears to me to have one object only in view - viz to spare the loss he has sustained by the conduct of the Dubashes - rather than to repay the balance now apparently against him in the Demand Collection and balance from Manapare - since there appears such difference between what is therein entered against him and what he observes in his petition should be deducted from the amount he charges against the Dubashes - Cookanoy & Fungaroy -

5

William Jones Esqr.
Subtreasurer &c.
Fort St. George

Sir

Herewith I have the honor of enclosing 1st of set of bills by Mr. Campbell of Neeroor for Cash advanced that Gentleman on account of the first payment of the sum directed to be provided on account of his conduct on the Board of Trade in favor of Revenue -

2 As I received no subtraction whatever

as

as to the form in which this cash was to be drawn from me — I am doubtful whether the bill now transmitted be right — Should any alteration be found necessary — I will be much obliged by your giving me the form and instructions with as much speed as possible that any mistake now in it may be properly adjusted —

3 — I have also the pleasure to transmit bill on the Board of Revenue dated 1st. Decr. for M.P. 13. 4. 45. — in favor of the Civil fund —

I have the honor to be

Darapoor
4th Jany. 1801 —

&c &c &c
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

P. S.

Mr. Campbell — bill dated 1st Jany. for M. Pags. 10000 ten thousand on the Board of trade in favor of Revenue

(signed) W. Hurdis —

Cecil Smith Esqr.
Civil auditor

Sir

Herewith be pleased to receive my accounts for December 1800/1 — which I trust will be correct in form & matter

I have the honor to be

Darapoor
4th Jany. 1801 —

&c &c &c
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

William Peter Esq[re] President
& Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Chidumbara Pillah formerly Tahsildar of Manaparai arrived at my cutcherry on the 21st Dec[r] in charge of Dehaya Dampson —

2 — I heard what he wished to say and required of him ~~with~~ the names of those evidences he thought necessary to substantiate his allegations as well in the petition presented to your Board in particular as far what he advanced from written documents to me

3 — He gave in the names entered in the accompanying list — and I give those reasons entered against each name as his motives for requiring their attendance

4 — He appears to me to have two objects in view — 1st to prove he does not owe the balance charged against him — and secondly to prove the loss he has sustained by the conduct of the Dubashes — Soobiah Modelly & Tenganey — These two objects

are however so consolidated — that it
is next to an impossibility to seperate
them so as to get distinct proofs on
both —

5 — The Bramins absence to me
material — the Petitioner has been
from the ~~are~~ almost unintelligible
circumstances of the case — hardly
used — and it is equally interesting
to justice as to humanity that
he should be either cleared or con-
-demned on full investigation —

6 — Thus impressed I beg the
interference of your Board to direct
those people residing at Madras
and Trichinopoly and Madura
and Ramnad to proceed to Dindigul
where I will endeavour with the
least possible delay to examine
and report on the merits of the
case —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Gentlemen
your very obedient
humble Servt

Darapoor
3d January 1801

John B. Travers Esq.
Secy. to the
Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith be pleased to Receive Register of Bills and Return of troops on my Requisition for the last Month – the Demands Collection and Balance accompanies which having brought before the Board – I beg you will be so good as to hand to the accountant General –

I am Sir
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W. B. Hendie[?]
Colle.

Danapoor
6th Jany. 1801 –

Public Department

George Buchan Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir

Para. – 1 I have received your letter of the 31st Ulto. containing the Order of the Right Honble Govr in Council for an advance of S Pags 59829: fifty nine thousand eight hundred and twenty nine S Pags to the House of Harrington Mo.[?] & Co. or their order

2 Previous to the Receipt of this order I had ad[illegible]nced f[illegible]m the balance in my treasury – since the 7th Instant as follows

	S Pags
To the Commercial Resident	35000
to the Madura Paymaster	13800
to Mr Campbell on Account of his contract	10000
	58800
Current Expences about	5000
	63,800

3 — of the balance in my Cash chest 7½/10 are composed of Cuntary fanams New and old Veri & Gopanly fanams New Pondichery Rupees — Old Do Sultany — Company & Arcot — the Remaining 2½/10 is in Porto Novo Pags Bahaderi — Ickari — Doorgy — Venketaputty and Sanar Cash or Venetians in amount very insufficient for payment of the orders

4 - - - - — the Current Kist will probably bring in Bahaderi Sultany and Star Pags — but I do not apprehend the orders can be complied with before the latter end of February in the coins noted in the Margin of your letter — even if all of those sorts are kept exclusively for that purpose

5 There is little money at this instant in my treasury in consequence of my having put the Kistbundy of the current year one Month later than last year owing to the back-wardness of the Season

I have the honor to be

Tarapoorram
7th Janry 1801

Signed) P. B. Hurdis
Coll

Cecil Smith Esqr
Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir/

Annexed I have the honor of sending answers to your remarks on my accounts for May June & July 1800

2 I have applied to the Board of Revenue for authority for Nos 2. 3. 4. 5. 7. 8 & 9 — as any further explanation from me could only result from those authorities you have deemed insufficent

Varapoorum
7th Jany 1801

I have the honor to be
Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

William Jones Esqre
Subtreasurer &c
Fort St George

Sir/

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting bill No 34 Date 3d Jany 1801 for S Pags thirteen thousand eight hundred S Pags 13800 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue

Varapoorum
3d Jany 1801

I have the honor to be
Signed . T. B. Hurdis

J. B. Travers Esqr
Secy to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I beg the favor of you to forward a triplicate set of receipts for the cams sent to the Board under date 7th Decr

Varapoor
9th Jany 1801

I am Sir &c &c
Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr

Robert Woolf Esqr.
Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Herewith be pleased to receive the accounts for the districts under my management for December 1800/1 —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Darapooram
11th. January 1801

William Petrie Esqr. President
&c Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I was this morning honored with the Commands of your Board - thro. Mr. Depy. Secretary Garrow dated 7th instt. covering copy of the Chief Secretarys letter of the 5th Jany. -

2 - Every exertion I can make in assistance to the Service - will I trust prove to your Board my earnest ambition to deserve the confidence it is pleased to express in my favor -

3 - Having from every information received, strong reasons for supposing Verupatchee will endeavour to destroy the district of Pylney - whence the largest share of supplies must be drawn - and conceiving that the Sibbendy I had would be insufficient to assist completely their transport to the detachment and at the same time defend the western parts of that district and Shakraghery from the very probable attempts of the Delli Poligar - I requested of Major Macleod (not wishing to involve a further expence in raising other men) to send me as many of his Condachars as he could with safety spare from his Tallooks -

4. - He has complied with my wish - and sent me all he could with safety spare - I could wish

wish if your Board see not any great cause of objection
to give to each of these Condachan - Batta at the rate
of one seer of rice or its equivalent in money P^r diem
It has been customary for these people to receive Batta
- and the expence will be very trifling compared with
the good that may result from it by keeping
all in good humour -

5 - I have further to request your Board
will be pleased to solicit Government that the
Stores of Dindigul may supply such powder & ball
for my Sibbendees as may be necessary -

I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect -

Gentlemen

&c &c &c

Darapoorum
12th Jan^ry 1801 -

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Coll^r

Robert Woolf Esqr
Accountant General -

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to send the
probable balance of Cash on the 31st Jan^ry -
I beg to apologize for delaying it until this day.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Darapoor
12^t Jan^ry 1801 -

(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Coll^r

Captn. Cuppage

Comg. Caroor.

Sir

Lieut. Coll. Innes having desired the details of his Corps on duty with me - should join their battalion at Dindigul - and the party at Calumburé being no more than absolutely necessary - I have to request you will be pleased to send from Caroor a party for the protection of my Cacharé & treasury at Darapooram equal to that now marched to Dindigul - Viz —

Subidar or Jemidar	Havildar	Naigs	sepoys
one	two	two	forty

with as little delay as possible —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Darapooram

14th. Janry. 1801 - S

(Signed) W. Hurdis

Coll.

William Petrie Esqr. President

&c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have received the Statement of the Investment to be Substituted for that sent under date 31st. Octr. last - and can have no hesitation in mentioning that I can answer for the full amount for Tinnevelly - Viz — S Pags. 123379 - 13 - 53½ - one Lac twenty three thousand three hundred & seventy nine S Pagodas fanams

fanams thirteen Cash fifty three and one half - and the amount of the Coimbatore Sugar contract (Mr. Campbells) vz. St. Pag. 44285. 26. 20. S Pag. forty four thousand two hundred & eighty five - fanams twenty six - & Cash twenty - provided the sums already advanced on the 1st inst. be included as parts payment - and provided that the Military Indents do not exceed the Paymasters presum estimate of 13800 St. Pag. ℔ Month.

2. The advance to Mr. Campbell was 10000 S Pag. - as directed in the former Statement of the investment - as Voucher for which advance I received his bills on the Board of Trade -

3 - As I am not certain that the mode of Voucher was correct I request to be favored with directions on the Subject - I sent the bill to the Subtreasurer on the 4th inst. with a request that if alteration was necessary he would be so good as to inform me - but having received no answer I am led to solicit the attention of your Board to the Subject -

4 - —— And I could wish to be favored with an answer as soon as possible - because by the contract 5000 S Pag. fall due the 1st febry - and by the present Statement 5499 - 40. 55 in addition to the advance made are

now

now due as 35 ℔ Cent of the total — under this difference and the uncertainty with respect to the Voucher I received for the advance I shall not make a further Issue until I am honored with the orders of your Board on the Subject —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect —

Gentlemen

Darapoorum
15th Jany. 1801 —

Yr &c &c

(Signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Stephen Lushington Esqr
&c &c &c

Sir/

I duly received your note bearing Polamcotta post mark in reply to mine of the 27th Decr — on the 6th inst

2d The Cows & Bulls are all collected and will be ready to march from Dindigul on the 28th inst

3 — I beg the favor of you to send me a Route to Tonitory — and to apprize me of the name of the person or persons to whom they are to be delivered at that place

4 I beg the Route you send may specify the distances of each place from the other — Whence it will be known to you as well as myself at what time the boats may be required

5 — I Request the favor of you to issue such

Boats

orders as may be necessary for their safety on the journey — I shall send as many peons &c to take care of them as possible — but I fear thro the Collery country unless more care be given to them than is just now in my power to afford — The one thousand five hundred Cows and one hundred and fifty Bulls — may not arive safe at there destination

6 I shall apply to the officer commanding Madura for a guard to accompany them from thence on receiving your answer & the route

Darapoor
19th Janry 1801

I am Sir &c &c

Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collector

To the Officer
commanding
Paulghautcherry —

Sir

This will be delivered by Subidar Aidar Cawn commanding a guard in charge of Treasure to a considerable amount for the Commissioners of Malabar —

2 — Should there be any disturbance that may render its safe passage from Paulghautcherry to Calicut in any degree hazardous I have to request you will be so good as to afford that additional force

which may ensure its safe arrival with the Commissioners —

I am Sir
your very obedient Servt

Darapooram
22d. January 1801

John Spencer Esqr. President
& Commissioners in
Malabar —

Gentlemen

I have this day dispatched treasure for your Commission as per account Jannary invoices No 1 — & 2 dispatched and a Other ~~[illegible]~~ from the [illegible]

2 — The treasure from me with you that from the Collector of [illegible] at Coimbatore and proceed thence to Paulghautcherry —

3 — No 3 is copy of letter from me to the Officer commanding Paulghaut — and in addition to my request is addressed. I have further to beg that should your Commission apprehend any hazard in its passage from Paulghautcherry to Calicut — that you will be

[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] & Cockburn with the rest

pleased to give such orders or assistance as may ensure its safe arrival with you —

~~I have the honor to be~~
~~Gentlemen~~
~~your very obedient~~
~~humble Servt~~

to ——— My Sheriff accompanies the treasure, to whom, I have to request ~~~~ receipts in triplicate (on copy of the mem^o now sent) may be granted for the pay -ment into your treasury on account of Hamington Burnaby & Cockburn — the first of the set I beg the favor of you to despatch to me per Tappal — the duplicate and triplicate to send by the Sheriff —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen Your very obedient
humble Servant

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Robert Hughes Esqr.
Pay Master &c. &c.

Sir

I request the favor of bills for three thousand Star Pagodas Advanced your agent at Dindigul on the 19th. Instant—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Darapoor
27th. December 1800

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Stephen Lushington Esqr.
Collector of Southern Peishcush

Sir

By order of the Board of Revenue dated 11th. December & received 17th. I have arranged for fifteen hundred Cows for the Government of Colombo they will probably be assembled within days from this date — I beg to know whether you would with them sent & who is directed to pay Costs & other expences of them — that the cost may be forth coming on my order —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Darapooram
27th. December 1800

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieutenant Coll. Innes

&c. &c. &c.

Dindigul

Sir

On Application from the Dindey cacharee I request the favor of you to furnish a small Guard for the safety of about six thou Star Pagodas in Coins from thence to Darapoor

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Collector

Darapoor

27th December 1800

Public department [illegible]

George Buchan Esq
Secretary to Government

Sir

Para 1st — I had the honor to receive your letter of the 21st instant on this morning —

2 — May you wish communicate to the Right Honble the Governor in Council my extreme regret that the advance from my treasury to the Commercial resident should have inconvenienced the financial arrangements at the Presidency —

3 — I have however by means of the Current kist realized more of the coins directed than I expected — of the amount – ordered from my – sum to be paid to the house of Harrington & Co I sent the 22nd inst Coimbatore, to join the treasure of the Salem Collector, that it might proceed under ou

on account of Hampton &c

on the coins directed hereunto to the
amount of Star Pagodas - 56,811: 30.3
the remaining sum due on the ord
shall be sent as soon as possible -

4 - I had under date the 22nd instant
privately requested the Collector of
Salem to make up this deficiency
which could have been replaced in
his treasury from mine in the
ensuing kist -

5 - I have been aware of the
necessity of providing means for
the use of the field force and I
have much pleasure in stating
for the information of the Right Hon the Gov
that I shall be in every respect [illegible]
prepared -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient
humble servant

Colapoharam
25th Jany
1806 -

William Jones Esqr.
Subtreasurer &c.

Sir

Herewith be pleased to receive bill dated 19th. January for St. Pagr. 35000 thirty five thousand by the Tinnevelly resdt. on the Board of Trade in favor of Revenue —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Darapoor
22d. January 1801

Robert Hughes Esqr.

Sir

By orders of the 19th. Instant you will have Observed I am Ordered to Assist your department in Providing supplies of Grain and Provision for the Detachment at Dindigul I have upwards of two thousand Cullums of Rice ready at

Pylney

Pyltney — I have ordered one thousand Gonies — you have only to say what you want & I will with every practicable speed endeavour to afford it to your people — Carriage Bullocks I cannot procure — the Depot at Pyltney is so far in advance between two and three thousand Sheep are collected there — and as many more as you may require shall be ready on your giving me timely Notice — so that your People will have little else to do than receive and pay for the Supplies — but I can not get Carriage Bullocks — and You must send them from Madura with as little delay as possible —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant —

(Signed) J B Hardie

Colapollam
26th Jany 1801.

Robert W. Woolf Esqre

Accountant General

Sir

I have been favored with your letter of the 19th instt. covering copy of Mr Leyg Buchanan on the 18th - and loose no time in returning the answer you require -

In answer to 2nd Paragraph

2 — The cash in my treasury on the 28th Decr. was as stated in my monthly accounts & my inability to discharge the order in favor of Harrington & Co - did not arise from deficiency of means - but from the ~~deficiency of~~ cases in which the advances were to be made being specifically restricted - ~~and to their~~ ~~only~~ - ~~[illegible]~~

In answer to 3rd paragraph

3 — With respect to the advances to the Commercial Resident - Mr Robert Lushington under date 29th Novr. wrote me to know what portion I could supply of the sums necessary for the Investment and [illegible] investment - on the whole & ~~other~~ sum of 29th Octr on which it was supposed advances were to be

4 — In reply, to his letter under date the 29th November — I ~~[illegible]~~ ~~and~~ stated that on the 1st December I might in coins of all sorts be able to advance 61000 Rups — (sixty one thousand Rups) of which amount I expected might be received from me at Lahore —

	Rups
In Co's Rups at the rates of exchange fixed by Govt }	— 35000
In Bahuding do — about	7000
	42000 —

~~but the remaining 19000 [illegible] coins [illegible] the [illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~ I also pointed out in other sorts of coins means for the remaining 19000 — ~~[illegible]~~ of the whole of which viz 61000 — I said the Resident may ~~[illegible]~~ as much as may please him to take

5 Mr Cope major ~~[illegible]~~ saw my letter — under date 12th Decr he required of me ~~[illegible]~~ the "amount [illegible] Rupees 7000 Rups mentioned in my letter" "above noted" to Mr Lushington — I sent him copy of my letter to set him right in a mistake he was under about Rups none being mentioned

6 — ~~[illegible]~~ under date 17th Decr Mr Cope major wrote that ~~[illegible]~~ —

"I have the honor to send you my Shroff
"who will receive from you for Naval Ports
"Naval Pagt. – Rupt 20000 in old Do. Do.
"Rupt. 15000 – total 35000
"the other coins are of no use to me

7 — Mr Cunningham's Shroff arrived
at Dindigul on the 27th Decr. I received
his letter at Darapuram on the 29th
and considering ^on demand the result of my
engagements to supply him as noted
in my letter of the 27th Novr. I returned
an order for the issue of the sums
he had specifically required —

8 — The order reached Dindigul
early on the morn of the 31st. The
advance for Mr Campbell & for the
Paymaster were made before
the Sendants quarter was begun
but his was completed and despatched
to Tinnevelly early on the morning
of the 5th – the invoice was dated the
3rd and from that time to the 5th
the treasure was detained to get my
signature to the invoice —

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9th — In my probable estimate for December 1800 — I had entered as the ~~that~~ ~~was~~ probable ~~that~~ demand of the Resident — 32826.. 41.60 — which was calculated at 35 p cent on ~~the~~ separately on both ^ the Tinnevelly investment of 82071. 31.69 — and charges 11719. 21 — both, separately calculated ~~at~~ 35 P cent on the ~~total~~ and the probable balance in the govt. Treasury in my treasury entered in the probable statement was Pags. 88055. 30.72 —

10 — My reason for entering this sum, as the probable demand of the Resident was because it occurred to me that he would ~~probably~~ properly require of what was offered Porto Novo pagodas only — and I supposed the amount of 35 p cent on the separate ~~total~~ of the investment & charges of Tinnivelly — would be the extent of his demand — I was however mistaken, as he required somewhat more — but it did not occur to me that I should derange any financial purpose at the Presidency by my compliance — on the contrary I hoped to forward the service by directly affording it —

11 — No ambiguity of expression was meant in my letter to Government and I am sorry you have adopted the word in reproof - since that very reproof plainly shews you understood the practice mentioned —

12 — My Kists are due on the 1st day of the Malabar month which corresponds with about the 11th of ours - My letter to Government was dated 7th and from Daraporam - - with the exception of the tahsildar of that taluk (where I am at Daraporam) not one tahsildar is nearer than 16 miles to me and the furthest is near 120 miles from me - of the ~~new~~ Conquered countries Not one cash was on or before the 7th realized - of the principal districts the Kist due on the 13th of January by the Eyapaudy Poligar had as usual with him been paid before it became due — and this alone was ~~the~~ shewn to be realized —

13 — No collections are ~~[illegible]~~ ever likely now realized until received from the talooks shroffed by the Huzoor Cutcherry Shroff and placed in the treasury —

14 — I have honour the pleasure of acquainting you that of the sum ordered to be paid Messrs Harrington & Co dispatched on the 22nd to Coimbatoor to meet the treasure of the Collr where-to that all might proceed to Calicut under one escort in Coin according from the current Kist and from what remained in my treasury — to the amount of Rs 54814..30..38 — Duplicate copy of the invoice I sent under date 22nd to Harrington & Co the balance due ~~thereon~~ on the order shall also be dispatched so soon as I may be able safely to send it —

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your very obt &c
Humble Servt

Colinjoram
26th Jany 1801

Robert Hughes Esqre

&c &c Madura

Sir

1 I am happy to tell you that seven hundred & thirty three bullocks are in readiness for your department - of this number all are at Dylney, save about one hundred & eighty this number will also be there in three days.

2 Your agent tells me he has five hundred - so your number of 1200 is more than completed -

3 I have advanced the detacht. as Recom=mended in your letter of the 18th instt. to Lieutt. Colo. Innes - independant of giving you the full amount of your Indent Viz 13,800 St. Pags. I shall have ready for the use of the detachment when you call for it fifty thousand Pondicherry Rupees -

4 —— All the Rice Viz twenty four Garce is ready at Dylney - your people have only to receive it I hope there will be no delay -

5 Have you any further wish that in furtherance of the service I can assist you in effecting ?

6 I hope you will direct your agent to Receive the amount of your Indent on account of February as quick as possible as well in case to myself or to him -

Colapollam
27th Jany. 1806

I am Sir
&c &c
(signed) W.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Robert Hughes Esqr.
&c. &c.

Sir

Para 1 I have received your favor of the 28th inst.

2 the causes that might have prevented my assisting the service by the Supply of bullocks I have overcome - and the bullocks your agent has got Viz 500 - are by my having given up the import of Grain for the present at Dindigul from the Valley -

3 ——— all the other Gunnies &c. are ready at Pylney - It will be less difficult and infinitely less tardy, and disadvantageous to the service - for you to recollect the advances made to the Madura people - than for the Service to await their progress from Madura to the depot at Pylney - 80 miles

4 — Fourteen thousand Str. Pagodas in coins have been advanced your agent copy of receipts and Register of Chits enclosed - for which I beg the favor of your bills on the Military Paymaster General with all convenient Speed -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

Colapollam
29th Jany. 1801 - (Signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

No. 1

John Travers Esqre
&c. &c.

Sir

Your letters dated 26th Jany. I have this moment Received — and Return to you the Receipts it Enclosed —

2. ——— I have to Request you will Refer to my letters of 7th December & 19 January — and pass your Receipt in triplicate on copy of the Invoice the set now returned not being sufficiently specific for Vouchers to my account in the office of audit —

I am Sir
&c. &c.
(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Colapollam
1st February 1801 —

Edward Campbell Esqre
&c. &c.

Sir

Para 1 — Enclosed I send copy of Receipt of Valluda pillah for the equivalent of Star Pagodas five thousand advanced in Companys Rupees at the Government Rate of exchange Viz. 350 ₹ % St. Pag. —

2 ——— I beg the favor of your bills on the Board of Trade as last Month specifying the Coin Received and the Rate of Exchange at which it was advanced, so soon as possible —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Colapollam
1st February 1801 —

N. Jones Esqr.
Sub Treasurer

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting Bill No. 42, Date 1st. February 1801 for S. Pags. 14,000, Star Pagodas fourteen thousand by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue —

I have the honor to be &c.

Collapollam
1st. February 1801.

Robert Woolf Esqr.
accountant General

Sir

The Statement of Probable balance of Cash in hand dated the 10th Jany. included under the Item probable Receipts from the 10th to the 31st the amount of the Dindigul Land Revenue — Syr – Dindigul and Madura Pollams only —

2 ——— the Probable Collections for the subsequent month included the Dindigul Land Revenue and the Syer only —

3 ——— the Land Revenue from the Conquered Countries, the Jummabundy not being finished Coala

not ascertain until now with sufficient accuracy to enter in the estimate — particularly as I had in every talook and Village adjustments to make on account of Collections made ere the state of each Village and talook was exactly ascertained —

4 —— Hence it is that more is in the enclosed Statement brought to account than from the one previously sent there was reason to expect —

5 —— the Item of probable receipts between 10th & 31st contains the amount entered in the former estimate as noted in 1st & 2nd Paragraphs - and the Land Revenue of the Conquered countries and the N.B. - of Probable collection for the subsequent month contains the 22,244„ 30„ 69 with the Land Revenue of the conquered countries for that month —

6 —— the Peishcush of Manapara — Shakraghemy - & the Aunamalli poligars is not included in the estimate — as yet no settlement is made - an arrangement for the two last being now under reference to the Board - and the first being recommended to be remain as last year —

7 —— I will loose not one moment in expediting this business which I am ware without this explanation might affect your office - and so soon as possible I will transmit my Jumma=bundy which only now waits for the completion

of the

of the Poligars Settlement -

I have the honor to be

Colapollam &c &c &c

31st Jany 1801 - (Signed) W. B. Hurdis Collr

Robert Hughes Esqr.

Paymaster

Madura

Sir

I have the honor to enclose copies of Receipts granted me by Your agent for Coins advanced to him amounting to the Sum of Nineteen thousand eight hundred twenty Star Pagodas, thirteen fanams & fifty two Cash for which I beg the favor of your Bills on the Military Paymaster General with all convenient speed.

I have the honor to be

Collapollam Sir &c &c

2nd February 1801

John Spencer Esqr.

President &c Commissioners

of Malabar

Gentlemen

The shroff Venkataram Shetty whom I sent with the treasure for the Commission as mentioned and invoiced in my letter of the 22d. Ulto. was taken ill at Coimbatoor — I therefore sent a second shroff Paupa Shetty — to assist him from Dindegul.

2d. I have this moment learned Venkta=ram Shetty was unable from extreme weakness & illness to leave Coimbatoor tha Paupa Shetty had arrived there on the 3d. and was proceeding to Calicut

3d. I have therefore to request the favor of your Commission to receive the amount invoiced from Paupa Shetty unless you have any objection in which case I request to be advised of it and that you would keep the bags sealed & invoiced in deposit until I can arrange to send the shroff first directed to deliver the money — who is ordered to proceed to Calicut so soon as he possibly can —

4 — I am this moment honored with your letter of the 26th January — the delay in its arrival is occasioned by its going to Trichinopoly — any future letter will be more speedily conveyed if entrusted to the Collector at Paulghautcherry with directions for him to forward it to Pillachee

5 As reference appears necessary for the reasons assigned — I have to request I may be informed so soon as your Commission receives the necessary instructions from Government on the subject —

Darapoorum I have the honor to be
Feby 1801 — Gentlemen
&c &c &c
(Signed) W. Hurdis
Collr

Captn Hazard
Comg detachment
Darapoorum

Sir

The apprehensions I have least the poligars who have absconded should make an attack on the Pillachee district or impede the Collections & which apprehension are much increased by intelligence of this morning — induce me to request the favor of you to detach a Subadars party
to

to Sellacher to protect the district and collections –

The trained Sebbendy now stationed there will be put under the orders of the officer you may send to be employed by him as the good of the service may require –

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Darapooram

6th Feby 1801 – }

(signed) T.B. Hurdis

collr –

Cecil Smith Esqr.

Civil Auditor

Sir

I have the honor of sending my accounts for January 1801 which will I trust be found corre[ct]

2 — I have made the entry on account of the Civil fund as you directed – am I to send the second of the bills drawn on the Subtreasurer – ?

3 — I beg you will send me the account of what may be due from my assistant Mr. Barclay that it may be brought to account in favor of the fund next month —

I am Sir

&c &c

Darapooram

5th feby 1801 –

(signed) T.B. Hurdis

collr

Evidence required by Chedumbra Pillah — from Madras — ~~Trust~~

Damodar Doss — — the Gomastah of Buccanjee Doss — was sent from Madras to Tripetty by Soobroy Moodely Mr Landons Dubash — That he might not be present if called for by the Board — this man is represented to be most necessary as his evidence the Plaintiff says will certainly substantiate the account cash ~~presented~~ paid to the Dubashes — from the fear of which he was put out of the way —

Lanajee the above named Gomastah[?] Golab Peon — who carried the orders for cash to the Dubashes — which were afterwards paid from the bank at Madras —

from Trichinopoly —

~~Valerkund Pillah — at Johnstone Dubash~~.

Gopaul Doss — to prove the account current and the cause for which the various advances were made and how made —

Goondapah his Gomastah — for the same purpose —

Verabuddra Pillay — the Gumasta[?] of [illegible] Cawder[?] Cawn[?] made out — Do —

Moonda Nayg Pilla – the Cutchery Maistry – to prove the account ~~[illegible]~~ disbursements – &c.

Mootoo Arpa Pillah Do Do and the account Currents Items &c. –

from Madura –

Sawmy Pillah to prove the account Current &c. transactions –

Goodalyah – to prove the Vakils of the Polygars gave a bond as security for Chedumbra Pillah – that bond is now with the House of Baccaniger & its forwarded [illegible] –

from Ramnad

Ponecotya Pillah Chedum=bra Pillahs property –

the Vakeels of

Sivaghery –	Topa pilla –	present
Cadamnore –	Coniah –	not to be found
Comarawaddy	Venkat Soobiah –	(not to be found)
	Cutbiarva Coondaie	(not to be found)
Tengamoolka –	Coopiah –	at Dindigul
Veermalie →		
Moonyapoory	Ramasawmy	Dead
	Vellapillah –	
Hutkum –	~~[illegible]~~ Pilla –	gone away

Chidumbum Pillah's Vakeel 45

Moorkish - to speak to
every thing -

and Soobroy Modely the
defendant - now the dresses
Dubash -

from Madras - Soobroy Modely
Damodur doss -
Ramajee Golah -

from Trichinopoly - Gopaul doss - Venbudra Pillah
Gondu Pot
Mundakaij Pillah
Mootoo Cumpa Pillah

from Madura - Sawmy Pillah
Godolyah -

from Ramnad - Ponelotza pillai -

List of Evidence
sent to Board
dated 5th Jany 1801 -

John B. Travers Esqr.

Secy. to the

Board of Revenue

Sir

Having brought the Demand Collection & Balance before the Board — I beg you will hand it to the accountant General — the Register of Bills & Return of troops accompany —

Darapooram
5th Feby. 1801 —

I am Sir

&c. &c.

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Captn. M. Grant

Commanding

Dindigul

Sir

Having reason to think there are several parties of plunderers in the country, detached either directly or indirectly from Veerpatchee — I have to Request that the Guard at my Cutcharee may be encreased to such extent as you may deem adequate to the security of the treasury & records — and that the officer in command may be especially directed to be very vigilant — I have further to Request in event of any party making an attempt that you will give that guard every necessary additional support

Camp
Feby. 8th 1801 —

I am Sir

&c. &c. &c. (sd.) W. Hurdis

Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster Madura

Sir,

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to request that you will transmit as soon possible Bills upon the Military Paymaster General, for the Sum stated in Mr Hurdis letter of the 2nd Instant to have been advanced to your Agent, copies of whose receipts, were at the same time transmitted to you —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
signed/ J Maclay
Sen: Asst

Daraporam
10th February 1801.

N. Innis Esqr.
Sub Treasurer

Sir

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to forward a Bill on the Board of Trade ~~payable~~ Payable ~~to~~ Dated Merroor 1st February 1801 by Mr Edwd Campbell for Star Pagodas 5000. (five thousand) in favor of Revenue.

I have the honor to be
&c (sd) AB —

Daraporam
10th February 1801.

W Jones Esq

Sub Treasurer -

Sir

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to forward two Bills by the Paymaster at Madura on the Military Pay. Genl. in favor of Revenue - No 4 3 Dated 3rd Febry for Star Ps 15000 (five thousand S. Ps) No 44 Dated 4th February 1801 for St Ps 14,820.13.65. Fourteen thousand Eight hundred & twenty Star Pag. thirteen fanams & sixty five Cash -

I have the honor to be

Daraporam
11th Febry 1801 -

(signed) AB
for Asst.

Robert Woolf Esqr.

&c &c &c

Sir

Be pleased to receive the account of the district under my management for Jany 1801 -

I am Sir

&c &c &c

Camp
Darapoor
11 Feby. 1801 -

(signed) AB - Hurdis
collr.

Robert Woolf Esqr
&c. &c.

Sir

I beg leave to send you the Probable Statement for the current Month – the invoices in deposit have been sooner than ordinary collected & sent in in consequence of the urgent State of the country those totals are part of the 82153-39.6. but as several are only now arrived I cannot be Specific

I have the Honor to be
&c.

Camp
Darapooram
11th Feby 1801

Signed J. B. Hurdis

W. Jones Esq.
&c

Sir

By desire of Mr Collector Hurdis I have the honor to enclose a Bill by him upon you for the Sum of St. P. 13.4.45 Thirteen Star Pagodas four fanams & forty five Cash – in favor of the Trustees of the Civil Fund –

I have the honor to be
&c – &c

Darapooram
12th Feby 1801

signed ~~JM~~ G. A. W.

William Hawkins Esqre
&c &c

Sir

I have received your favor of the 11 Inst. covering the enclosed indent & certificate with an annexed account -

2 Under date 17th July I requested General Bridges would direct a tumbril to be sent from Trichinopoly to Dindigul for the purpose of sending treasure to Madras -

3 the tumbril was sent to Dindigul - but as circumstances prevented the sending the treasure to Madras - it was Returned empty to Trichinopoly the morning after its arrival at Dindigul -

4 The only charge on me therefore must be for the number of days coming from Trichinopoly to Dindigul and returning thence to Trichinopoly -

5 - It is possible the tumbril was employed in the Carriage of treasure to Madras sent either by the Salem or Tanjore Collector it certainly was not employed as charged for by me - any Rectified account with the Vouchers I shall be happy to discharge -

Darapooram
13 Feby 1801

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c &c
(signed) W. Hurdis
Colr

Edward Campbell Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have received your favor of the 12th instt. containing proposals for consideration of Bramins &c. Ryots of Nerror Vaungul & Achimanpoor — for the Cultivation of the sugar cane —

2 In reply to the first proposal — I beg to know — whether you was with consent of the Ryots to retain all the land in the above named three Villages that was last year under Sugar cane Cultivation or not — if not, what part the Ryots may now take to prepare for Paddy fields — It is necessary this should be speedily and Specifically ascertained — that the Ryots may suffer no loss in their crops — and the Sirkar no demination in its rents — I conceive the lands last year under Cultivation of the cane in the other villages — from being too far from the works are to be Relinquished —

3 For the new plantations the Ryots may agree to twenty Pondicherry Rupees per Cawney as Tuccauvey shall be applied for — for those made last year — the advance need not be so heavy but I shall be obliged to you for an opinion of how much — least I should mention what might be inadequate —

4 With respect to the advance of ten Rupees per Cawney, for the purchase of Bandies and Cattle for the Carriage of the cane to the works — and farther agricultural purposes — the Ryots well know that if such Request was proper and confined to purposes of agriculture it would be attended to as it might deserve

by

by the Sirkar —

5 I have previously mentioned in two or three letters I had the pleasure of sending the impossibility of permitting the tahseeldar or any public servants interference in any matter — that do not directly correspond with his public situation — your Request therefore of being allowed to make advances thro the Cacharie to the Ryots I cannot comply with — nor can I recommend to the Board of Revenue the adoption of a measure so incompatible with existing orders —

6 Your letter shall be forwarded to the Board so soon as you will favor me with the estimate of the amount you may think ought to be advanced — to the Ryots who may renew their agreements on account of the last years Gardens —

7 I think it would be well also — to send estimate in detail for such contingent expences as it may be necessary to have sanction for — as well to prevent delay when wanted as to shew to what extent the further assistance of the Sirkar may be Required —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Camp
Darapooram
13th Feby 1801 —

(Signed) W. B. Hurdis
Collr.

(Secret)

To Major General Bridges
&c. &c. &c.
Trichinopoly

Sir

Para 1 — I had the honor of receiving your favor of the 12th by express this morning at 8 a.m.—

2 The security of the districts and of the Revenue from the force left by Lieut. Colo. Innes — was when aranged a consequence more wished for than expected — but circumstances that have occurred since the 31st January — by the decided Rebellion of nine Poligars — have placed the safety as well of the Ryots as of Revenue in a very precarious situation —

3 The troops now here are the only assistance in preserving the appearance of protection — at present they prevent defection of the Surkar Ryots — but if they be removed or lessened not only will the chance of securing the Revenue be in my opinion, gone — but the most disastrous consequences to the country may be expected —

4 — It is in my opinion wholly impracticable to detach one man — The tranquillity of these districts is even now endangered and if any part of the troops at present in them be detached from them I cannot be answerable for the consequences —

I have the honor to be with great Respect —

Sir
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Camp
Narrapoorам
Feby. 14th 1801

Major James Innes

&c &c &c

Erroad

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Sir

you will ere this reach you have received the Division orders of the 13th inst. (Copy inclosed)

2 Pursuant to those orders I have to request you will with every practicable expedition proceed to Darapooram with at least the following detail to relieve an equal number under Captn Hazard

	Subn	Jemdr	Hs	Ns	Sepoys	
Viz -	2	3	17 -	17 -	381	- and as many more as

you may be able to bring with you - the very unquiet state of the district demanding every exertion that may tend ~~to even~~ maintain the appearance of Restraint by means of troops at hand —

3 The positive and immediate necessity of detaching Captn Hazards party to Madura, urges me more particularly & anxiously to request that every exertion for quickness of arrival may be used - as delay may produce in these districts during the Absence of the very trifling force in them - commotions that will endanger the safety of the whole —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(signed) W. Hurdis

Coll.

Darapooram
15th Feby 1801
9 P M - 5

P. S. If the whole force mentioned in Para 2 cannot come directly as many as practicable should be sent by way of Chinnamalli & Kangyem and as quick as possible —

(signed) W Hurdis -

Major General Bridges
&c. &c. &c.
Trichinopoly

Sir

your favor of the 13th instt. I am just honored with—

2 My letters of yesterdays date in reply to your favor by express of the 12th will ere this reaches you have informed you of my opinion of the state of these districts—

3 After the arrangement made for their security by Lieutt. Coll. Innes under the most straitned circumstances—inadequate in the first instance—and more so from subsequent events—I could have wished that Major Innes had been directed to relieve Captn. Hazard by an equal detail or as many more sepoys as he could command—rather than that he should be called on through me for the requisite force—

4 If Captain Hazard depart so as soon as ready—I am left without a single sepoy and not more than sixty Peons to protect the Revenue collected and collecting and the records & accounts of the whole province against a very numerous and still increasing banditti—upwards of 5000 men.

5 I shall therefore detain a part of Captn. Hazards force until Major Innes arrives—but as delay may happen and as I am certain that the safety of these provinces is more and more endangered by the withdrawing these troops—

I shall

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I shall decline all responsibility for their security & that of the Revenue — altho no exertion of mine shall be wanting for their preservation — I can only regret that the Commands of Government in your favor of the 13th differ so much from their intention expressed in your letter of the 12th as to leave the country in a state of increasing inquietude —

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) W. Hurdis
Coll.

Darapooram
16th Feby. 1801 —

+ Captn Hazard
&c &c

Sir

I herewith send a sealed tumbril containing one hundred & five sealed bags — in which are the invoices of the diff.t talooks as follows —

Darapoor	16 bags
Allagmalli	14
Kangyam	15
Pulladum	12
Shedapollam	16
Pillachee	12
Pifney	22
	105 bags

containing in toto canteroy Chul 42,256 - 2 . 2½ forty two thousand two hundred & fifty six Chucrums — two

two fanams - 2½ anas - and Cully Chucrums 11630..
.. 10¾ Eleven thousand six hundred & thirty -
this sealed tumbril with its contents I have to beg you will deliver to the Cacharee at Dindigul -

I request an acknowledgement of this letter and a receipt for the sealed tumbril -

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) W. Hurdis
Coll.r

Darapooram
16.th Feby. 1801 - }
2 P.M

× Capt.n Hazard
Commg. Detachment

Sir

Enclosed I have the honor of sending a letter from Division head Quarters -

2 —— Arrangements I am informed by Major General Bridges have been made for sending troops hither to afford protection to the Country -

3 —— But as it must be three days from this date ere they will arrive - I have to request that you will leave here one hundred firelocks - until an equal party arrive when they shall follow you by forced marches -

4 —— This Requisition will not either impede you or incommode you - as I must for security. take require you to take a tumbril with treasure to the Cacharee at Dindigul - this circumstance whilst obliging you to march slower - will enable the party

party you leave here to over take you by forced marches ere you arrive at the place of your destination or to join you there within twenty four hours afterwards —

5 ——— I would recommend you to take the whole of your Camp equipage — as for the short time, the party you will leave behind — may stay — I will find cover for them —

6 The following is the route by which I recom=mend your proceeding —

From Darapoor		
to Poorooloor		
Yerrecotta		
Sholorumbo		
Dindigul	}	91 Miles English
Ametterra		
Amanaignoor		
Sholavandan		
Madura		

7 ——— I will send the tumbril to you the moment it is packed which will be by five P.m this evening —

I am Sir
&c &c
(Signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Darapooram
16th Feby. 1801 — S

+ Captn. Grant
Commg.
Dindigul

Sir

I beg the favor of you to take the Cash Chest and Records of my Cacharee into the fort — the smallness

of

of the Guard and the impossibility of encreasing it render this precaution in the present unquiet state of the Country absolutely necessary –

I have to Request free ingress and egress to my shroff – my deputy Peishcaur my deputy Serestadar and the Golah Peons with them –

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Darapoor –
16th Feby. 1801 }

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Your favor of the 11th. I got last night only – it was returned from Camp near Pillachee –

Captn. Gorden
Commg.
Columbum }

Sir

On the receipt of this I beg the favor of you to send to this place one hundred Sepoys at least with all possible expedition – they will return when Major Innes arrives who is expected on the 19th. – I hope you will not loose one moment –

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Darapooram
16th Feby. 1801 }

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collr.

Major Innes
&c. &c.
Erroad

Sir

I beg of you not to loose one moment in sending every man you can spare to this place – Captn. Major's party

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party is gone from the extreme urgency of the Service - and any delay is likely to cause great confusion here -

I am Sir
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Hurdis
Coll.r

Darapooram
16.th Feby. 1801 - }

Major General Bridges
&c. &c. &c.
Trichinopoly

Sir

your favor of the 13.th instt. and enclosures I have been honored with - Captn. Hazard has his letter -

2 —— My letter of the 14.th in reply to your favor of the 12.th will ere this reached you have informed you of my opinion of the state of these districts -

3 —— This opinion is more unfavorable and the departure of Captn. Hazard exposes these provinces to an attack from five thousand banditti - without any present possibility of restraining them -

4 —— I have urged Major Innes to move hither with a detail at least equal to what Captn. Hazard had we have much to fear - and nothing to assist at present -

5 —— As you were acquainted with the arrangements made by Lieutt. Coll. Innes under very straitened circumstances - inadequate in the first instance to the wished for security and more so from subsequent events - I could have wished to have prevented delay and the exposure of the districts to probable depredation that you

had

had been good enough to have directed Major Innes to have releaved Captn. Hazard by an equal detail –

6 – – This not being the case I have now seven invalid Sepoys and about sixty Peons for the protection of every thing – the treasure collected I have sent under his (Captain Hazards) charge to Dindigul no exertion of mine shall be wanting to keep order – but it is impossible to expect it – and I can only regret the urgency of the service that causes this country to be left in a state of increasing inquietude – too nearly connected I fear with the same cause of those disturbances now existing in the south –

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) W. Hardis
Collr. –

Darapooram
16th. Feby. 1801 – S

Edward Campbell Esqre.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir Neeroor

I have received your favor of the 16th. instt. until the sanction of the Board be received for an advance of Tuccauvy none can be made –

2 —— Under existing orders – you cannot be permitted to advance money to the Ryots – in any manner or on any account whatever – I am sorry not only to withhold my concurrence – but in this instance to oppose your wishes

3 When you have formed in your opinion what advance may be absolutely necessary for last years

Gardens

Yarcins and have informed me I shall loose no time in making the necessary & indispensable reference - as there will not be either the labour or expence to the Ryot this year - that existed in the last year - less in my opinion will be sufficient - but on this subject I will beg the favor of your opinion -

4 ——— As advances of every kind are made by the Sirkar - when deemed necessary - I have to Request the favor of you in future to refer all who may apply to you for advances - to the Talook Cacharee which is the regular Channel - and which the Ryots are well aware of - since there may be difficulty in comply-ing with promises you may make them - and which I have to request you will in future decline.

5 ——— Am I to understand the Engagement mentioned in the last Paragraph of your letter - Viz that you pay the Rents of those lands - which the Ryots propose at present to cultivate from the time they commence ploughing them - as a new pro-posal for the new lands - If so - it materially differs from what you have sent me - in your favor of the 12th - and will be liable to objection - the rents of the Ryots for the lands they hold are from Fusly to Fusly - and in none other manner whatever can any agreement be concluded with them - - than as they conclude with the Sirkar - for they have not the power of disposing of their right in the lands longer than for the period those lands are assigned to them -

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c

Darapooram
17th Feby 1801

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Secret department

No 2

Josiah Webbe Esqre. –
Chief Secretary
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting in the accompany=ing numbers – for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council – copies of letters that have passed between Major General Bridges and myself –

2d — I had intended to have availed myself of the latitude offered in No 1 – and to have retained the detachment for the reasons given in my answer (No 2) – but the urgency of the service appearing more strong from the General's letter (No 3) any further opposition would have been of more proba=ble bad consequence to the South – than even to these unquiet districts –

3d — My answer (No 4) will perhaps suffi=ciently shew the state of them – and the necessity of affording me assistance – Major Innes from Erroad I can hardly suppose sufficiently effective to give what is wanted – he must send men to Coimbatoor to replace the Infantry ordered from thence to the South, and as I cannot but believe that a very strong connection exists between Verapatchee and the Southern Poligars – so I fear that on opportunity offering he will influence his adhe=rents to attack these districts as he last year influenced the attack on Sattamungalum –

4 — The numbers collected from every in=formation I have, may exceed what I have mentioned

mentioned in my letter to the General (Copy) - as yet nothing more than harassing the Ryats on the borders of their Pollams - and detaching strong plundering parties has been attempted - they have been but too successful -

5 — In the midst of this most unpleasant situation - I have the satisfaction of telling you the Revenue with the exception of one district — Shakragherry, is completely collected - the Dendegul Poligars Verapatchee alone excepted as yet appear obedient - and the Manapara Poligars are at present perfectly quiet -

6 — The Poligars who absconded from this place are with their Peons in Delli - and those who thought proper to remain here are yet with the Cachari - Ootculi - Cotamputty, Somat-toor and Nagamum are nearly settled on the principle proposed - Tamahpattam & Porawei pallam are in progress - but after the severe proof I have received of Poligar treachery - I hope to be excused passing any opinion on their sincerity -

7 — I should not have written so much - but that my fears for the safety of the districts and the Revenue are very strong - every exertion I can make to keep order - shall be made - but with a banditti strong as that assembled in Verapatchee and Delli - my means are unable to act even defensively -

8 — Independant of the Poligars acting on opportunity alone and without sufficient foresight to have a dread of consequences - the

System

System of terror is the grand spring of their Government — the Verpatchee Poligar is reported to have mur=dered thirteen Mussulmans (on suspicion of their having betrayed his secrets to the Sirkar) within the last seventeen days — sixteen were devoted but three escaped, so far as that the informers Sooben & allagherry declare the death of thirteen only — several other people, who have fallen under the suspicion of the Poligar, have been carried away to his Combies and have not yet been heard of — this account rests at present on the information of these men — but it is so much in character with the disposition of the Poligar that I have not a doubt of its truth tho' it may be very difficult to obtain full proof of the deed —

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) W B Hurdis
Collr.

Darapooram
17th Feby. 1801 —

X Captn. Gordon
Comg. Columbum

Sir

On application of the tahsildar of Shakragherry — I have to request you will furnish such guard as you may deem necessary for the safe escort of about six thousand Cantery Chucrums to Darapooram — I have also to request that no delay may happen in the coming of the guard — being aware of the few troops with you — and the necessity of their quick return —

The Company arrived about 4 oClock yesterday

- I am obliged by your quick detachment of them -

Darapooram
feby. 18th 1804-5

I am Sir
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

To E. Campbell Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.
Nerroor

Sir

I am directed by Mr. Collector Hurdis to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, & to inform you that he will recommend the whole of the Estimate which accompanies it to the favorable consideration of the Board -

Mr. Hurdis desires me to express his regret that he is prevented by indispensible business from the pleasure of writing to you himself - I have the honor to &c. &c.

signed A.B.
for A.W.

Camp
Daraporam
18th Feby 1801

× Captain Gordon
Commg. Columbum

Sir

I have the pleasure of returning the Subadar and half the Company you sent - Major Innes's force not being in any respect equal to what I was led to expect it to be - I shall i

return

retain the other half until he sends a reinforcement when they shall be returned —

I have the honor to be

Darapooram
19th Feby. 1801 }

&c. &c.
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

+ Lieut. R. F. Hughes
Commg. Detacht.
at Darapooram.

40 C

Sir

I am favored with your letter covering copy of your instructions & the Garrison order from Erroad dated 17th instt. —

2 — — — Your party is in partial relief of a small field detacht. that was here under Captn. Hazard — and as such only can be considered —

3 — — — As the urgency of the service did not admit of your waiting for Camp equipage and as there is not in this place the smallest cover of any kind whatever — I will send to the ground of Captn. Hazards encampment all the tents I have that your men may have the best accommodation in my power to afford —

4 ———— your men encamping thus I have to request that you will keep them in continued readiness to move at the shortest warning —

I have the honor to be

Darapoor
19th Feby. 1801 }

&c. &c.
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

Major James Innes

Comm.g Erroad

Sir

Lieutt Hughes arrived with his party – yesterday morning & altho' I am convinced you have sent every man you could spare I have to regret the inequality of Lieutt Hughes party to that I required –

2 — By the Garrison orders of Erroad dated 17th Feby you have directed Lieutt Hughes to take charge of the detachment – fort & Garrison of Darapooram – It possibly may not be known to you – that the fort of Darapooram is a ruin – and that there never was and very likely never will be a Garrison –

2. — Lieutt Hughes's party is in partial relief of a small field detachment – that was at Dara=pooram under Captn Hazard [?] – and as such only can Lieutt Hughes's party be considered –

4 — I have pitched some tents of my own for the cover of the party – there is not either in the fort or Village any place whatever as cover for them – and tho' the urgency of the service required that they should not be delayed on account of the want of Camp equipage yet it is absolutely necessary they should have it – the necessary steps for procuring it better known to you than to me will of course be taken by you – as expeditiously as possible –

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Darapooram

30th Feby 1801 – 5

(signed) Wm Hurd[illegible]

Collr

Capt.n M. Grant
Commanding
Dendigul

Sir

Having understood that the Chests &c them those belonging to the Cacharee - are placed under charge of the same Guard - that had charge of the Cacharee treasury & records - I have to Request that any thing not belonging to the Cacharee - may be removed from the charge of that Guard - which I have to beg may be entirely and wholly distinct from any other -

I have directed the Malabar order to be given by my Deputy Peishcar to the native Commissioned officer in charge - which I request may be attended to - the treasure and records are of too great consequence to be entrusted to a naigue or Havildar & eight sepoys - and although the Chests &c were removed into the fort for greater security I have to beg of you that no alterations be made in the officer Commg the Guard - and that no further charge than what comes from the Cacharee be placed with that particular guard

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr

Darapooram
20th Feby 1801

To William Petrie Esqr
President &c Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Para 1 — I have the honor to lay before you copy

copy of a Correspondence which has passed between me & Mr Campbell, relative to advances which he wishes to be made to the Ryots –

2 ——— With respect to the proposal which Mr Campbell makes in No 1. to which I beg leave to refer your Board to advance 10 Rupees Pss Cawney for the purchase of Bandies & Cattle for the Carriage of cane to the works & for other agricultural purposes to be made to the Ryots thro' [illegible] Cutcherry, my objection to the advance to be so made is stated in Para 5 of No independent of other obvious reasons, but should not those already noted be sufficient to convince your Board of the impolicy of such a measure, I am prepared at your command to advance others in my opinion, still more substantial –

3 ——— As to the advance itself of ten Rupees Ps Cawney it is evident from Mr Campbell's letter No 5 Para 5, that it is more the consequence of the Cane Cultivation, than necessity, since had not the canes been Cultivated neither the advance of 20 Pondicherry Rupees in the first instance nor the required loan of ten in the second, would have been asked, tho' the same rents would have been paid –

4 ——— Taking the average price of the Ryots share of the Cane according to the extract of a letter from Mr Campbell No 6 – dividing it into three equal sorts in the same proportion as for that in Salem & Eroad the price of their share will not equal more than 12 Pag or Compy Rs 42 Ps Cawney, deducting from this the advance made Pondy Rs 30 or Compy Rs 31–1½ less than 11 Compy Rups remain for their subsistence & the [illegible] is clear to them, but the first advance of 20 Rs is for the Cultivation with all incidental expences of the whole, and the second, as the first can only be repaid from their share of the [illegible]

hence I conceive the security for the advance on th[is]
account whether publicly or privately made insuff-
-icient on the present produce of the Ryots share
to warrant its being made for the term of repayment
proposed by Mr. Campbell.

5. Notwithstanding these objections,
the speculation appears favorable, as Mr. Campbell
does not seem to consider any further advance
necessary for the cultivation of the old Grounds, &
as there will be a security in the advance of the
value of Carney in the next years produce, from
the Rattoons of the last years Gardens, I beg leave
to recommend that the whole of his Estimate
accompanying amtg. to Pondechery Rs. 6313, may
be sanctioned, as this indulgence will probably
contribute to the success of the speculation.

Camp
Dorapoorum
28th Feby. 1811.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) W. B. Hurdis
Coll.

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